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Open Doors · Open Minds · Open Hands · Open Hearts

Welcome to Visions United - "God's Doors Are Open to All"

Visions United seeks to be a safe place for people of all
races, creeds, ages, cultural backgrounds,
sexual orientations and gender identities to worship.

Spirit Gathering

Sunday, January 12th, 2020

Baptism of Jesus

Matthew 3:13-17

Waters of Blessing and Faith

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| Jan. 12 | 9:30am | Conversation Café - <i>Host: Audrey Hayward</i> |
| | 10:30am | Spirit Gathering |
| Jan. 14 | 1:30pm | UCW - 190 Carson Dr. (Anna Peters) |
| Jan. 16 | 10:00am | Broadview Banter - Second Cup Gorge Rd |
| | 7:00pm | Choir Practice |
| Jan. 19 | 9:30am | Conversation Café- <i>Host: Audrey Hayward</i> |
| | 10:30am | Spirit Gathering |

Children's Spirit Space

This week's leader: Megan Smith. Nursery Helper: Kaylee Cormier.

Spirit Space is our program for all-ages held downstairs.

Children gather with the congregation in the Great Room for our opening. We will let you know when Spirit Space begins! There are also activity bags available for children who choose to remain upstairs.

Waters of Blessing and Faith

Remembering the story of Jesus' baptism is our invitation to celebrate the blessing, "*You are a Beloved Child of God*", and recommit ourselves to the call of Love.

Today we welcome into our Visions family of faith by

Transfer of Membership

John Foster & Rev. Jane Aikman

Last Sunday - We Received a Star Word for 2020

During the service we each chose a star with a word on it. The invitation is to ponder this word, pray about it, notice how it can guide your spiritual journey in this coming year. If you would like a star word, choose one today or email Shawn and she will send a word to you.

UCW Meeting – We will meet at the home of Anna Peters, 190 Carson Drive, Apt. 1118 on Tuesday, January 14th at 1:30pm. Carol Kelly has volunteered to provide worship and Anna Peters will provide us with nourishment.

Broadview Banter - Thursday, January 16th at 10am-11am:

A monthly, informal gathering for conversation over the latest edition of Broadview: Spirituality, Justice and Ethical Living. Bring along your December issue of our United Church magazine and come ready to discuss ideas and share opinions. We meet this month at Second Cup, corner of Gorge & Mountain Road. Extra copies of January edition are available on the Giving Table, or visit broadview.org to view special feature stories. Drop in anytime. All are welcome.

Team Annual Reports – All representatives of committees, who submit reports without financial statements for the Annual Report, please email your report to Emily by January 20th.

Antique Choir Chairs For Sale - We currently have some beautiful, wooden, cane seating chairs available for purchase. They can be viewed on the stage in the old Sanctuary. Cost per chair is \$30. Please direct all inquiries to Peggy Renton. You will want to move quickly as the deadline to purchase is Jan. 12th.

Book Club: Sunday, January 26th, Common Room at 190 Carson Drive. We will gather at 4:00pm to discuss the book **Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker** by *Jennifer Chiaverini*. Spouses/partners are invited to join us for a Potluck at 5:00pm.

Storm Cancellations - On Sunday mornings a decision will be made by 8am. When any services or special events are cancelled due to bad weather, a message will be left on Visions answering machine (384-0843), and a notice placed on our Website and Facebook page. We try and post notice to radio stations and CBC storm centre:

<https://www.cbc.ca/news2/interactives/stormcentre/index.html?region=NB>

Grocery Card Program - *Easy for you fundraiser!* For every grocery card sold Vision United gets 4%; that's \$4 for every \$100 sold. Get your Sobeys, and Superstore cards before the service.

Do You Have an Announcement? Please remember that all announcements for the bulletin are sent to the special announcement email: announcements@visionsunited.ca

OTHER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS & UPDATES

Movie Night: The Boy in Striped Pajamas – Thursday, Jan. 16th at 7pm. Community Peace Forum, 150 Queen St. Movie and snacks are free of charge. Come and bring friends. Movie rated PG 13.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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| Office Hours: | Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9:30am – 12:30pm | |
| Minister Hours: | This Week: Wednesday 9:30am-12:30pm | |

We Value Abundant Generosity! *How Can I Share an Offering?*

You may have noticed we don't pass an offering plate during the service, but we do bless all gifts during shared during our "Invitation to Generosity". You can choose one of two ways to support the ongoing work and ministry of Visions:

Weekly Offering - There is a ***Giving Table*** at the entry of the Great Room with envelopes for visitors or occasional gifts. Contact the Church Office to request your own box of weekly offering envelopes. All loose offering is given to our Visions Aid fund for local outreach.

Pre-authorized Remittance (PAR) - is an easy way for you to make regular and reliable contributions on the 21st each month to ensure the vitality of Visions' ministry. Change/cancel deductions anytime with sufficient notice to the office.

- Request a PAR form from the church office or print and fill out *PAR form* from the website with your monthly offering amount.
- Place a "VOID" cheque and completed form in a sealed envelope Return to the office or place in the offering plate on Sunday.
- Charitable tax receipts for Envelope & PAR contributors issued at year-end.



VISION AIDERS' PROJECTS: *Our outreach in the community & around the world*

MISSION & SERVICE - the United Church of Canada's unique way to fund global and Canadian mission projects, bringing healing, justice and hope to life! Your M&S gift helps Visions meet our 2019 objective of \$20,000.



RECONNECT JAR – Your donation supports the Reconnect Street Intervention Program in Greater Moncton , outreach to those who are homeless and at risk. Donate your refundable recyclables to Visions. All proceeds support Reconnect.

KARING KITCHEN – Your chance to donate groceries and/or grocery store cards, the 1st Sunday of each month, to assist Moncton's largest soup kitchen.